The April 16, 2015 Conference Call was called to Order by President Treg Cowan.

**Members on the call:** Treg Cowan, Don Bergeson, Shelly Cowan, Teri Heninger, Scott Hoyt, Russ Maier, Kathy Monnens, Tom Heitsch, Burt Witte, Heather Shoultz, Julie Maude.

Terri Heninger made a motion to dispense of the reading of the January 17, 2015 and the March 19, 2015 meeting minutes and approve them as written. Scott Hoyt 2nd. Motion carried

**Treasurer’s Report**: Teri Heninger reported $26,191.86 in checking. No checks were written since the last meeting. Scott Hoyt made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Russ Maier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Kathy Monnens reported that there are 5 Regional Rodeos left that have not sent in the 2015 entry forms; Perkins, Hyde/Hand, Harding, Haakon/Jackson, and Ziebach. They have all been contacted and given directions as to how to submit their entry forms.

Heather Shoultz reported that there is a new contestant back number sponsor. Winfield Solutions-Cropland has agreed to a $2,500.00 sponsorship. Heather is working with a printer in Huron to print back numbers and mail them out.

Julie Maude reported that there are some issues related to the 4H Rodeo entry process via the SDSU IGrow system. Heather Shoultz explained the 4H Regional Rodeo and State Finals entry process, she will note issues that are encountered and work with the SDSU contacts to attempt to resolve them.

**New Business:** Saturday night entertainment for contestants was discussed. Treg Cowan will contact Scott Boyd to inquire if he would have an interest in providing music/karaoke for the contestants.

Don Bergeson reported he has been contacted regarding revisiting the sales tax charged on the Finals Rodeo gate admission and would like the committee’s feedback on whether to pursue this issue. Don will contact the potential Senator Sponsors and provide information back to the committee as to if there are Senators willing to sponsor and support a bill for the 2016 Legislative Session.

**Rodeo Committee Reports:**

*Grounds:* Don Bergeson has contacted Envirotech and the Porta Potty’s are lined up. He has also contacted the Department of Corrections for a cleaning crew.

*Gate/Ticket Sales:* Don Bergeson will follow up with SD National Guard.

*Ambassador Committee:* Burt Witte reported that the Ambassador Committee has begun the process of securing donated hotel rooms in the Pierre/Ft Pierre area for Finals Rodeo judges, etc.

The next meeting will be held by conference call on **Thursday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m**. - Central.

Kathy Monnens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Shoultz 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Cowan

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Committee Secretary